

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A drain hose holder assembly for a washing machine including a tub holding a laundry water, a cabinet having the tub provided inside, and a drain hole for discharging the water in the tub outside the cabinet, comprising:

a drain hose holder having an entrance and a guide part extending inside the cabinet and having a cross-sectional profile of a double curve with the shape of an elongated S ~~an inverted S-shaped vertical cross-section~~ so that the upper portion of the guide part is bent inward to facilitate insertion of the drain hose ~~therein~~ in the holder and to guide the hose in a downward direction; and

a fixing hole at a lateral side of the cabinet to fix the drain hose holder to the cabinet.

2. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly as claimed in claim 1, the drain hole comprising:

a guide part having the entrance end at one end and penetrating the fixing hole to be provided inside the cabinet; and

a locking part having an oval opening vertically provided at a central portion, the locking part provided at the other end of the guide part to fix the guide part to the fixing hole.

3. Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly as claimed in claim 2, the entrance of the guide part comprising:

two lateral sides extending in parallel from the locking part; and

a semi-circular bending side connecting ends of the lateral sides.

5. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein a horizontal cross-section of the entrance end of the guide part is semi-oval.

6. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly as claimed in claim 2, the locking part comprising:

an outer support body supporting an outer rim of the fixing hole;

a central support body having the opening at a center and inserted in the fixing hole to support the fixing hole in a center direction; and

an inner support body for supporting the inside of the cabinet where the fixing hole is formed.

7. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly as claimed in claim 6, the inner support body comprising:

an upper support body located at an upper end of the central support body adapted to be firstly inserted inside of the cabinet via the opening in assembling the drain hose holder; and

at least one lower support body provided at the opening of the hose loading part ~~to have~~ having a slant wedge shape.

8. (Original) The holder assembly of claim 7, wherein the lower support body is provided to each side of the hose loading part.

9. (Original) The holder assembly of claim 6, the outer support body further comprising an exit fixing part extending in winding outside the cabinet along an edge of an upper semi-oval of the opening in the direction of the vertical axis of the opening.

10. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, comprising:

a tub for holding water;

a drum for holding laundry installed in the tub;

a motor for rotating the drum;

a cabinet having the tub and the motor provided inside;

a drain hose extending outside the cabinet from the tub to discharge the water in the tub outside the cabinet; and

a drain hose holder having an entrance and a guide part extending inside the cabinet and having a cross-sectional profile of a double curve with the shape of an elongated S ~~an inverted~~

~~S-shaped vertical cross-section~~ so that the upper portion of the guide part is bent inward to facilitate insertion of the drain hose ~~therein~~ in the holder and to guide the hose in a downward direction.

11. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cabinet comprises a fixing hole at a lateral side of the cabinet to fix the inserted drain hose holder fixed thereto.

12. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 11, the drain hose holder further comprising:

a locking part having an oval opening vertically provided at a central portion, the locking part provided at the other end of the guide part to fix the guide part to the fixing hole.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, the entrance of the guide part comprising:

two lateral sides extending in parallel from the locking part; and
a semi-circular bending side connecting ends of the lateral sides.

15. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein a horizontal cross-section of the entrance end of the guide part is semi-oval.

16. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, the locking part comprising:

an outer support body supporting an outer rim of the fixing hole;
a central support body having the opening at a center and inserted in the fixing hole to support the fixing hole in a center direction; and
an inner support body for supporting the inside of the cabinet where the fixing hole is formed.

17. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 16, the inner support body comprising:

an upper support body located at an upper end of the central support body adapted to be firstly inserted inside of the cabinet via the opening in assembling the drain hose holder; and

at least one lower support body provided at the opening of the hose loading part having a slant wedge shape.

18. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the lower support body is provided to each side of the hose loading part.

19. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 16, the outer support body further comprising an exit fixing part extending in winding outside the cabinet along an edge of an upper semi-oval of the opening in the direction of the vertical axis of the opening.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)